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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs [0010]-[0011] as follows:

[0010] The apparatus according to the present invention was devised taking into consideration the problems with said conventional car fall-prevention apparatus. According to a first embodiment of the present invention, said holding member is provided with a front wall that is attached at least to the back surface of said guide rail and a back wall that is arranged opposite said front wall. A locking hole is formed in the end of said back wall that runs in the length direction of the guide rail, and stop plates are attached to the top and bottom of said holding member, ~~for the one part~~. Said support member has a base formed to be able to lock and be held between the projecting ends of said top and bottom stop plates, and has a projecting part that can lock in said locking hole formed on the back edge of said base. A spindle, one end of which rotatably supports said support member from above and below through a slot formed in the base of said support member, is attached to said holding member such that it can slide axially, and a spring member that pulls said support member toward said holding member is also provided.

[0011] Then, it is characterized in that from the standby position, with said support member located by said ~~said~~ guide rail's back side and being pulled toward said holding member by the spring force of said spring member, said support member is rotated forward while being pulled away from the side of said holding member against the spring force of the spring member, the forward end of the support member is positioned in front of the guide rail and, while the base of the support member is held gripped by said top and bottom stop plates, said projecting part is locked and held in said locking hole.